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Overall orientation

7.1 The overall purpose of the programme is to strengthen international economic and social cooperation and to promote development in a comprehensive, inclusive and far-sighted manner. The United Nations is in a unique position to address the interests of all countries, including the requirements and development concerns of countries profoundly affected by the powerful tide of forces moving global change, but with little capacity individually to influence the processes that are under way. The programme will continue to pay particular attention to the overall objective of eradicating poverty and to the special needs of Africa, the least developed countries, the land-locked countries and the small island developing States, as well as to the promotion of South-South cooperation. The programme will be further guided by the need to empower women through gender mainstreaming, advocacy and the design of policies to achieve relevant targets.

7.2 Relevant legislative authorities include the programmes and platforms of action adopted by the General Assembly, such as the International Development Strategy, the Agenda for Development, the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (1992), the nineteenth special session of the General Assembly for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21 (1997), the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (1994), the twenty-second special session of the General Assembly for the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (1999), the International Conference on Population and Development (1994), the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of that conference (1999), the World Summit for Social Development (1995), the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and further initiatives (2000), the Fourth World Conference on Women (1995) and the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: Gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" (2000).

7.3 The programme has the most extensive capacity within the United Nations system for economic, social and demographic statistics, including the collection and analysis of data on demographic issues, and distinct capacities in the key areas of macroeconomic analysis, sustainable development, social development, public economics and public administration, as well as gender issues and the advancement of women. In addition, through its capacity for normative and operational work, the programme is able to provide effective integrated support for the formulation of policies by the concerned intergovernmental bodies and processes and to advance their follow-up at both the global and national levels. Of special importance in this regard is promoting the development of policies on macroeconomic issues, such as those being pursued in the finance for development process; the renewal of dialogue through partnership in the General Assembly; the high-level consideration of economic and social issues in the Economic and Social Council, including the Council's dialogue with the financial and trade institutions; the continuing policy dialogue in the Assembly and the Council on globalization and interdependence and their implications for development; and the integrated follow-up to global conferences.

7.4 The programme also has special responsibility for coordination, within the United Nations, through the Executive Committee for Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations system as a whole. In relation to the latter, the programme is responsible for providing support to the Economic and Social Council and for interactions between the Council and the Administrative Committee on Coordination. It also provides the administrative location for the function of substantive and technical servicing of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, which is supported on an inter-agency basis.

7.5 The programme is under the responsibility of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. There is no single intergovernmental body providing overall guidance to the programme. Such guidance is provided by intergovernmental and/or expert bodies for each subprogramme.

Subprogramme 1
Economic and Social Council support and coordination

Objective

7.6 The objective is to advance the role of the United Nations in the economic and social field by: (a) coordinating substantive support provided to relevant aspects of the work of the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly; and (b) by reinforcing the capacity of the Economic and Social Council in the exercise of its overall guidance and coordination roles and in the promotion of policy dialogue on interrelated economic and social issues, including the coordinated follow-up of the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and summits, the special meetings with financial and trade institutions and the preparation and follow-up of triennial policy reviews of operational activities for development. As part of this objective, it will assist in promoting effective implementation within the United Nations system, in particular through the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery, of the Council's recommendations, and will facilitate close collaboration between the Council and the Committee.

Strategy

7.7 Responsibility for this subprogramme is vested in the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination. The Division will seek to achieve the objective through a multi-pronged strategy, which will include:

(a) Providing effective support to the Economic and Social Council, including its coordinating segment;

(b) Expanding interaction between the Council and the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

(c) Ensuring that preparation for the work of the General Assembly in the economic and social field and of the Council benefit from coordinated inputs from all concerned parts of the Organization and the system as a whole;

(d) Strengthening the interactive nature of the debates of the Assembly and the Council, including through panel discussions with participation from the United Nations, non-governmental organizations and civil society;

(e) Assisting in maximizing the policy relevance of the outcomes of the work of the Assembly and the Council and ensuring that arrangements are in place to monitor their effective implementation.

Expected accomplishments

7.8 Expected accomplishments would include:

(a) A strengthened role of the General Assembly in the economic and social field and enhanced effectiveness of the Economic and Social Council in advancing consensus-building and policy coordination on key interrelated international development cooperation issues, including operational activities for development;

(b) More effective policy guidance and coordination by the Economic and Social Council vis-à-vis the work of its functional commissions;

(c) Provision of stronger substantive support to the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations and to non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council;

(d) More effective interactions between the Council and non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Council.

Indicators of achievement

7.9 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) An enumeration of the ways in which the subprogramme has promoted consensus-building on key development issues, including upstream policy issues such as adoption of recommendations, communiqués and agreed conclusions;

(b) Results of the interactive debates and panel discussions;

(c) The level of satisfaction of participants in the intergovernmental processes with respect to the support provided to those processes.

Subprogramme 2
Gender issues and advancement of women

Objective

7.10 The main objective is to promote the effective implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the outcome of their review by the General Assembly at its special session to be held in June 2000. The subprogramme works towards ensuring women's full enjoyment of their human rights, and to this end it will seek to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. The mainstreaming of a gender perspective in every sector, improvement of the gender balance and of gender equality in the United Nations Secretariat and promotion of a more gender-sensitive work environment are also part of the subprogramme's objectives.

7.11 The Commission on the Status of Women and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women provide guidance to the subprogramme. The special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century", is also expected to provide further guidance in the implementation of the subprogramme.

Strategy

7.12 The Office of the Special Adviser on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women and the Division for the Advancement of Women will pursue the above objectives through a strategy that will build on providing effective support to intergovernmental bodies; integrating policy advisory services into the overall programme of work; and expanding interaction and communication with civil society. In addition, the strategy will enable the subprogramme to play a more effective role in advancing gender mainstreaming as well as in implementing system-wide the Platform for Action and the outcome of the special session of the General Assembly by increasing the effectiveness of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality of the Administrative Committee on Coordination under the leadership of the Special Adviser.

Expected accomplishments

7.13 Expected accomplishments would include:

(a) Noticeable progress in mainstreaming a gender perspective into the work of intergovernmental forums, entities of the United Nations system, other intergovernmental organizations and Member States;

(b) Enhanced capacity to provide effective gender advisory services that assist developing countries and countries with economies in transition, at their request, in implementing the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action and the outcome of their review by the General Assembly at its special session in June 2000, as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and subsequent intergovernmental mandates;

(c) Establishment of an expanded framework for information exchange and communication with Governments and civil society;

(d) The achievement, within the United Nations Secretariat, of gender balance in a greater number of departments and offices and improvement of women's representation at all levels and in all occupations in the Professional category and above;

(e) Increased efficiency and effectiveness of the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality;

(f) An increased number of ratifications of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, increased compliance by States parties with reporting obligations under the Convention and improved coordination between the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in contributing to the development and strengthening of human rights mechanisms to ensure the enjoyment by women of their human rights.

Indicators of achievement

7.14 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) An assessment of the progress achieved in mainstreaming a gender perspective through analysis of the outcome of the deliberations of the intergovernmental forums, the inclusion of a gender perspective in the work programmes of the entities of the United Nations system and the responses received from Member States on the measures taken by them;

(b) The number of ratifications of the Convention and its Optional Protocol and the number of States parties submitting their reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on time;

(c) The advisory services provided and related areas of work;

(d) The percentage of women in posts at the Professional category and above in the Secretariat and improvement in their distribution by grade;

(e) An increase in the activities and accountability measures for gender mainstreaming included in the system-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women;

(f) The development of tools and methodologies and the promotion of good practices with respect to system-wide gender mainstreaming by the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality of the Administrative Committee on Coordination.

Subprogramme 3
Social policy and development

7.15 The main objective is to strengthen international cooperation for social development, with particular attention to the three core issues of poverty eradication, employment generation and social integration. The subprogramme will also aim to advance work on ageing, disability and the family, and to promote the internationally agreed programmes on youth. The subprogramme is under the intergovernmental guidance of the Commission for Social Development.

Strategy

7.16 The Division for Social Policy and Development is responsible for the subprogramme. Utilizing the Division's capacity for policy analysis, intergovernmental support and advisory services, the strategy will include assisting Governments and other actors by advancing common norms, policies and cooperative action and developing integrated approaches. To this end, implementation of the subprogramme will be achieved through:

(a) Identifying further initiatives on the basis of an assessment and appraisal of the implementation of measures, recommendations and activities related to the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

(b) Promoting the implementation of the commitments and policies contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development (1995), as modified by further action and initiatives adopted by the General Assembly at its special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development, to be held in June 2000, and by pertinent decisions of the Commission for Social Development;

(c) Improving research, data collection and policy analysis;

(d) At the request of Governments, providing advisory services and carrying out technical cooperation activities, including training;

(e) Providing assistance to Governments and the global community to further the implementation of major international policy documents on ageing, including the International Plan of Action on Ageing and its revisions and updates; developing a long-term strategy on ageing for the twenty-first century; facilitating access to information on ageing through the development of an Internet-accessible database of policies on ageing; and promoting improved understanding of the implications of lifelong development in terms of strategic options and policy objectives;

(f) Promoting internationally agreed youth policies and programmes of action at the global, regional and national levels.

Expected accomplishments

7.17 The expected accomplishments would include:

(a) More effective implementation of the commitments and policies contained in the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development, the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development and further initiatives for eradicating poverty and achieving full employment adopted by the General Assembly at its special session to be held in June 2000, with particular emphasis on the need to strengthen social cohesion;

(b) The provision of effective assistance to Member States in achieving the goal of eradicating absolute poverty and reducing overall poverty substantially in the world through decisive national action and international cooperation in the context of the objectives of the Social Summit;

(c) Strengthened capacity of the international community to respond to long-term and emerging issues in socio-economic development;

(d) Increased technical and institutional capacity of developing countries and countries with economies in transition to formulate and implement effective social policies and programmes contributing to economic growth and sustainable development; and provision of support to socio-economic aspects of development, including reconstruction and rehabilitation processes in post-conflict situations;

(e) Strengthened capacity of Governments and the global community to further the implementation of the major international policy documents on ageing, including the International Plan of Action on Ageing;

(f) Greater implementation of international norms and standards for equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities;

(g) Enhanced capacity of Governments to formulate, implement and evaluate family-related policies and programmes;

(h) Enhanced youth participation in activities related to development and peace.

Indicators of achievement

7.18 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) The level of satisfaction expressed with respect to the support provided to the various policy processes;

(b) Progress in achieving quantitative and qualitative targets adopted by the intergovernmental process, in particular the Social Summit;

(c) The number of social policies and initiatives formulated and developed and their incorporation into public policies at the national and international levels;

(d) Advisory services provided in the areas of work of the subprogramme.

Subprogramme 4
Sustainable development

Objective

7.19 The objective is to strengthen commitment and action towards implementation of the outcomes of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and its follow-up (including the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) and to increase dissemination of information on sustainable development issues and advance sustainable development worldwide. The Commission on Sustainable Development and the Committee on Energy and National Resources for Development provide guidance to the subprogramme.

Strategy

7.20 The Division for Sustainable Development is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Promoting effective and coordinated implementation of the sustainable development agenda of the United Nations;

(b) Providing substantive support and bringing new issues to the attention of the Commission on Sustainable Development for its consideration, including assessment of critical areas of sustainability;

(c) Following up on the decisions taken regarding the economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable development, with due attention paid to matters related to the provision of adequate and predictable new and additional financial resources to developing countries; to changing production and consumption patterns and mechanisms for the transfer of technology to those countries, including on concessional and preferential terms, as mutually agreed in Agenda 21; and to contributing to the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/7, in which it endorsed the World Solar Programme 1996-2005;

(d) Addressing poverty in the context of sustainable development;

(e) Providing advisory services to Governments, at their request, in preparing national sustainable development strategies and related actions, devising operational strategies to promote sustainable

use of natural resources and energy, strengthening institutional, human resources and policy-making capabilities in the area of natural resources and water resources and helping to develop and commercialize new and renewable sources of energy, as well as strengthening national institutions for the assessment and management of energy resources and related requests.

Expected accomplishments

7.21 Expected accomplishments would include:

(a) Strengthening of coordinated approaches towards implementing the economic, social and environmental aspects of sustainable development by all actors, including the organizations of the United Nations system, through the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development, for which the subprogramme provides the secretariat;

(b) Enhanced dialogue with and involvement of major groups, including business and industry, trade unions, the scientific community, farmers and non-governmental organizations, in the work of the Commission and in sustainable development activities in general;

(c) Effective monitoring of the implementation of sustainable development goals through the assessment of data collected at the national, regional and international levels, taking into account the results of work on indicators of sustainable development;

(d) Enhanced international cooperation, in particular South-South cooperation, in the area of sustainable development, including through regional and subregional exchanges of experiences in the implementation of Agenda 21, as well as through implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(e) Effective capacity-building at the national level.

Indicators of achievement

7.22 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) Satisfaction expressed for the quality of policy support provide for intergovernmental processes;

(b) The number of collaborative arrangements and consultative processes existing in the United Nations system;

(c) The number of activities carried out by major groups and their overall involvement;

(d) An increase in the number of sustainable development strategies formulated as a result of technical cooperation provided to Governments;

(e) The advisory services and/or technical cooperation projects provided and/or implemented under the subprogramme;

(f) An increase in voluntary reporting to the Commission on Sustainable Development.

Subprogramme 5
Statistics

Objective

7.23 The objective is to promote international comparability of statistics through the standardization of statistical methods, classifications and definitions used by national statistical agencies and to reach international agreement on the use and usefulness of relevant concepts and methods. The Statistical Commission provides intergovernmental guidance to the subprogramme.

Strategy

7.24 The Statistics Division is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Developing statistical methodologies and determining their application in the international collection, standardization, analysis and dissemination of economic, social and related data;

(b) Enhancing the position of the United Nations as a global centre for statistical data on international trade, national accounts, energy, environment and demographic and social statistics through the collection, processing, evaluation and dissemination of international statistics;

(c) Further improving the usefulness and accessibility of international economic and social data to policy makers, both international and national;

(d) Implementing fully the United Nations Economic and Social Information System (UNESIS)

common database as a unifying framework for the dissemination of international statistics;

(e) Promoting the use of geographical information systems for modern surveying and mapping activities at the national and local levels.

7.25 Advisory services would be provided, on request, to developing countries and countries with economies in transition to improve their statistical capacity, including through training and other forms of technical cooperation, and to strengthen their ability to routinely produce relevant, accurate and timely statistics and indicators. Close collaboration with other international organizations would continue in order to improve economic, social, demographic, environmental, trade and other related statistics in general and to promote the systems in particular, including through training and other forms of technical cooperation. Also, a coordinated system of international statistical programmes and activities would be further promoted, in particular by emphasizing new Internet and information management technologies.

Expected accomplishments

7.26 Expected accomplishments would include:

(a) Enhancement of the comparability of statistics among countries and improved methods and procedures for the measurement of economic and social phenomena;

(b) Effective response to new and critical issues in the field of statistics;

(c) Improvement in the availability, usefulness and accessibility of international economic and social data to policy makers, both international and national;

(d) Improvement in the quality of statistical data submitted to international organizations and agencies;

(e) Strengthened capacity of national statistical offices in developing countries and countries with economies in transition to routinely produce statistical data;

(f) Increased participation of countries in the global statistical system;

(g) Increased collaboration and complementarity of activities among international organizations and agencies in the field of statistics;

(h) Progress in the rationalization and harmonization of development indicators based on decisions made by the Economic and Social Council;

(i) Increased level of cooperation among international organizations on the questions of standards, classifications, definitions, concrete national data sets, data collection and data processing.

Indicators of achievement

7.27 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) An increase in the number of requests by users for the Division's statistical data;

(b) An increase in the number of countries adopting international statistical standards;

(c) Enlargement of subregional networks as a result of technical cooperation activities;

(d) The number of collaborative agreements reached between statistical institutions;

(e) Satisfaction expressed by users about the quality, availability, usefulness and accessibility of the statistical data produced under the subprogramme.

Subprogramme 6
Population

Objective

7.28 The objective is to increase understanding of the nature of demographic phenomena, in particular the interrelationships between population and development. The Commission on Population and Development provides intergovernmental guidance to the subprogramme.

Strategy

7.29 The Population Division is entrusted with the responsibility for this subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Provision of substantive support to the Commission on Population and Development;

(b) Provision of assistance in the ongoing review, monitoring and assessment of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development in achieving the key actions for the further implementation of the

Programme of Action and in its second quinquennial review and appraisal;

(c) Preparation of official United Nations population estimates and projections, including age and sex patterns in mortality and fertility data, for all countries and areas of the world, as well as the official United Nations estimates and projections of urban and rural areas and major cities;

(d) Effective dissemination of worldwide population information, via the Internet, including through the Population Information Network (POPIN), and other means.

Expected accomplishments

7.30 Expected accomplishments would include:

(a) Heightened support to the Programme of Action as well as the key issues for their further implementation adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-first special session;

(b) Expanded capacity of Member States to analyse and apply population trends and policies and to monitor, appraise and report on substantive elements of the key actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action;

(c) Enhanced ability of Member States to formulate national population and related policies for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action and improvement of their institutional capabilities for the collection and analysis of national population information.

Indicators of achievement

7.31 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) Increase in the number of Governments accessing information on population trends and their interrelationships with social and economic development as an input to policy formulation;

(b) Noticeable increase in the understanding of the complex interaction between demographic and development issues and extensive awareness about emerging population issues requiring the attention of and response by the international community, such as the AIDS pandemic, international migration and population ageing;

(c) Timeliness, quality and accessibility of the official United Nations population estimates and projection as assessed by the concerned users.

Subprogramme 7
Global development trends, issues and policies

Objective

7.32 The objective is to effectively assist the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in their efforts to identify and reach agreement on the economic and financial policies necessary at the national and international levels to improve growth and development prospects.

Strategy

7.33 The Development Policy Analysis Division is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Supporting the efforts of developing countries and economies in transition to mobilize financial resources for development by advancing some of the outcomes of the high-level international intergovernmental event on financing for development envisaged for 2001;

(b) Addressing, through research and analysis, issues pertaining to domestic resource mobilization, official development financing and international private capital flows; the new challenges faced by the international financial system; and the financial opportunities and challenges presented by the increased role of the private sector in economic activity and the globalization of financial markets;

(c) Identifying the actions necessary to promote international financial stability and to strengthen the international financial system, while also remaining responsive to the challenges of development and the protection of the most vulnerable countries and social groups;

(d) Providing assistance, on request, to Member States and relevant intergovernmental bodies in examining developmental trends, identifying new and emerging long-term development challenges and formulating long-term development strategies. Thus,

the subprogramme would contribute to the formulation of new goals and strategies for long-term development.

Expected accomplishments

7.34 Noteworthy among the expected accomplishments would be a progression in the dialogue on macroeconomic policy issues in the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council through systematic surveys of the global economy and substantive support to the policy processes, such as those relating to the high-level international intergovernmental event on financing for development.

Indicators of achievement

7.35 Indicators of achievement would include a percentage increase in the number of consensus decisions reached and action taken in the United Nations, the international community in general and Governments on measures to accelerate growth and development in developing countries and countries with economies in transition, including implementation of national, regional and international efforts to make the global financial system more responsive to the challenges of development that emanate from the high-level event on financing for development.

Subprogramme 8
Public administration, finance and development

Objective

7.36 The objective is to provide assistance in intergovernmental policy deliberations on the role of public administration, public finance and public economics in the development process and to assist interested Governments of developing countries and countries with economies in transition in strengthening their policy-making, institutional and managerial capacities in those areas. Guidance to the subprogramme is provided by the Group of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance and the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters.

Strategy

7.37 The Division for Public Economics and Public Administration is responsible for this subprogramme. The strategy will include:

(a) Provision of support to intergovernmental policy deliberations;

(b) Preparation of analytical studies and publications; dissemination of information and assessments; and organization of expert group meetings and seminars;

(c) Provision, on request from Governments, of advisory services, training and other technical cooperation activities in the areas of public economics, public administration and public finance;

(d) Facilitation of the development of human resources to enable the public sector to face the challenges of globalization and interdependence;

(e) Development of analytical tools and options using adequate methodologies for impact assessment, such as in the economic analysis related to multilateral and unilateral economic sanctions.

Expected accomplishments

7.38 Expected accomplishments would include:

(a) Improved intergovernmental dialogue and facilitation of consensus-building and decision-making;

(b) Broadened common understanding of and approaches to public management;

(c) Strengthened institutional and human resources capacity of Member States;

(d) Broader and deeper understanding of major issues of public economics, public administration and public finance;

(e) Improved interface and coordination between the intergovernmental policy deliberations and operational activities of the United Nations system in the field of public administration, finance and development.

Indicators of achievement

7.39 Indicators of achievement would include:

(a) The level of satisfaction for the support provided by the subprogramme to the expert groups and the policy processes;

(b) The number and quality of technical advisory services provided to requesting countries and the impact on capacity-building in those countries;

(c) The number of established information networks among policy-makers, practitioners and experts within and between regions.

Legislative mandates

Programme 7
Economic and social affairs

General Assembly resolutions

47/190	Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (subprogrammes 4, 5, 6 and 7)
47/191	Institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (subprogrammes 4, 5 and 6)
48/121	World Conference on Human Rights (subprogrammes 2, 5 and 6)
50/119	Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries and a United Nations conference on South-South cooperation (subprogrammes 3, 4 and 8)
50/161	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development (subprogrammes 3, 5, 6 and 8)
50/203	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action (subprogrammes 2, 5 and 6)
50/227	Further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields (subprogrammes 1 and 7)
51/240	Agenda for Development (subprogrammes 1, 7 and 8)
52/186	Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership (subprogrammes 1 and 7)
53/192	Triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (subprogrammes 1 and 2, 3 and 8)

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1998/7	Importance of population census activities for evaluation of progress in implementing the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (subprogrammes 5 and 6)
1999/55	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (subprogrammes 1, 2 and 5)

Subprogramme 1
Economic and Social Council support and coordination

General Assembly resolutions

52/12 A and B	Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform
53/169	Role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1986/72	Protection against products harmful to health and the environment
1996/31	Consultative relationship between the United Nations and non-governmental organizations
1999/5	Poverty eradication and capacity-building
1999/6	Progress on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 53/192
1999/51	Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields and cooperation between the United Nations and the Bretton Woods institutions

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

1995/1	Coordinated follow-up by the United Nations system and implementation of the results of the major international conferences organized by the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields
1997/1	Fostering an enabling environment for development: financial flows, including capital flows, investment and trade

Ministerial communiqués of the high-level segment of the Economic and Social Council

1998	Market access: developments since the Uruguay Round, implications, opportunities and challenges, in particular for the developing countries and the least developed among them, in the context of globalization and liberalization
1999	The role of employment and work in poverty eradication: the empowerment and advancement of women

Subprogramme 2
Gender issues and advancement of women

General Assembly resolutions

34/180	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
54/4	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

54/133	Traditional or customary practices affecting the health of women and girls
54/134	International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women
54/135	Improvement of the situation of women in rural areas
54/137	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
54/138	Violence against women migrant workers
54/139	Improvement of the status of women in the Secretariat
54/141	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and the Platform for Action
54/210	Women in development

Economic and Social Council resolutions

76 (V)	Communications concerning the status of women
304 (XI)	Report of the Commission on the Status of Women (fourth session)
1992/19	Communications on the status of women
1996/6	Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women
1998/26	Advancement of women: implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the role of operational activities in promoting, in particular, capacity-building and resource mobilization for enhancing the participation of women in development
1999/16	System-wide medium-term plan for the advancement of women, 2002-2005

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

1997/2	Mainstreaming the gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Subprogramme 3
Social policy and development

General Assembly resolutions

47/5	Proclamation on Ageing
50/81	World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond
50/107	Observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty and proclamation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty
50/144	Towards full integration of persons with disabilities in society: implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities and of the Long-term

	Strategy to Implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond
52/82	Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons: towards a society for all in the twenty-first century
53/109	International Year of Older Persons, 1999
54/23	Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development
54/24	Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons
54/120	Policies and programmes involving youth
54/124	Follow-up to the International Year of the Family
54/232	Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty

Economic and Social Council resolutions

1996/7	Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the future role of the Commission for Social Development

Economic and Social Council agreed conclusions

1996/1	Coordination of the United Nations system activities for poverty eradication

Subprogramme 4
Sustainable development

General Assembly resolutions

50/126	Water supply and sanitation
S-19/2	Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21
S-22/2	Declaration and state of progress and initiatives for the future implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States
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